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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield between 29 August and 6 September 1954:

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29 and 30 August. No air activity was observed at the field.

31 August. About 0720, 4 Li-2s with extended landing gears approached the field in gliding flight at intervals of 2 minutes, but they did not land at the field. Shortly afterward, 2 or 3 additional Li-2s crossed the field without landing.

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1 September. There was no air activity.

2 September. About 1630, an element of two MiG-15s flew over Erfurt heading toward Bindersleben.

3 and 4 September. No aircraft were seen aloft.

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5 September. An element of 2 jet fighters flying in close-order formation crossed over Erfurt three times. About 1500, 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s landed at the field during a heavy thundershower.

6 September 1954. A Po-2 landed at 1430.

During the period from 31 August to 6 September, 4 jet fighters were seen parked in the vicinity of the flight control station.¹

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2. Between 29 August and 6 September, no changes were observed in the status of the radio installations as compared with the observations made in mid-August. The AA gun emplacement was still occupied by 37-mm AA guns.

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3. The following observations were made at the field on 14 September: There was no air activity by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s except that at 1620, a Po-2 landed at the field, coming from the east. A man got out of the aircraft and it took off at 1640, heading east. Four MiG-15s were parked next to the flight control station. About 1600, 8 soldiers were loitering near the aircraft.¹ At 2030, the flight control station was lighted. During the afternoon, it was observed that the shrapnelproof aircraft revetments were apparently empty and well covered with grass or bushes. During the afternoon, no activity was observed between the air force barracks buildings south of the Erfurt-Bindersleben road. At the barrier, however, a

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sergeant was sitting and 6 EM were talking with a German worker. [redacted] curtains had been placed on the first floor windows of the three-story building. At 2030, only these windows were seen lighted. Two 37-mm AA guns were identified in the AA gun emplacement. Several radio installations, including 1 PKV-45 DF station, 1 installation of one mast, and 1 installation of 6 masts were seen in the eastern part of the field. Between 1520 and 1700, the Peterborn-Bindersleben road was blocked for civilian workers. At 1700, demolishing work was being conducted approximately in the area between the flight control station and the AA gun emplacement. During the afternoon, the grass was being mowed in the western section of the field.

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1. [redacted] Comment. An alert unit of 4 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s is still stationed at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield. The appearance of Li-2s on 31 August, which is possibly connected with exercises by Soviet Army units, has not as yet been reported by other sources.

[redacted] From available information it is assumed that Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield is being supplied by the OATB of the fighter regiment in Altenburg.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The PKV-45 DF station was dismantled after 20 July 1954, and has meanwhile been re-erected.

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